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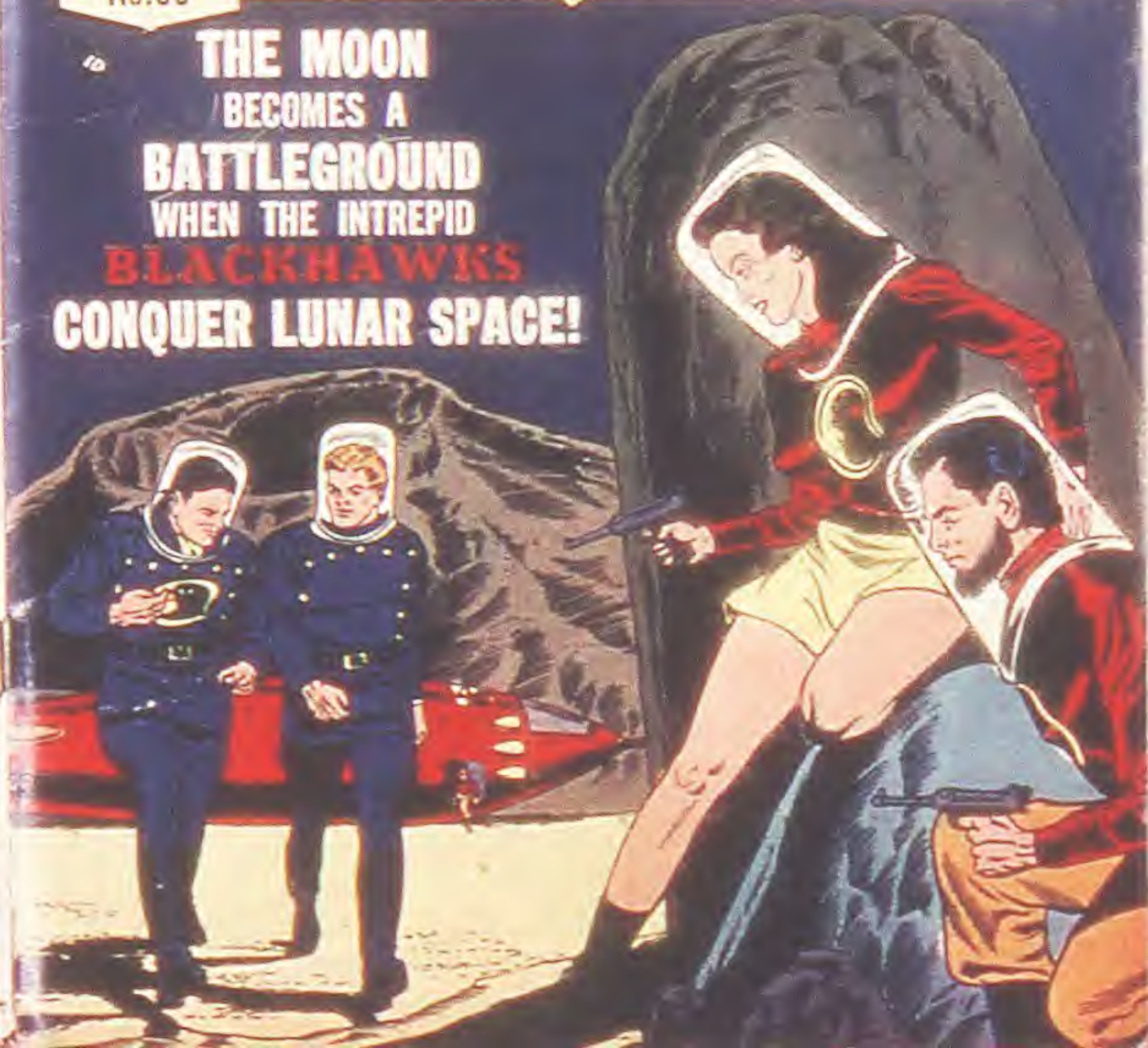
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BLACK HAWK



MAN'S AGES OF SCIENTIFIC ADVANCEMENT CULMINATE IN THE CROWNING ADVENTURE OF ALL TIME! THE HOUR IS AT HAND FOR CONQUEST BEYOND THE LIMITS OF MOTHER EARTH! ...AND WHO BUT THE BLACKHAWKS WILL BE THE FIRST TO SET FOOT ON THE MOON? ...OR WILL THEY FIND EVIL AND PERIL THERE BEFORE THEM?

HIGH AMONG THE WORLD'S MOST REMOTE MOUNTAINS, A PROJECT OF THE ALLIED SCIENTISTS OF THE DEMOCRATIC POWERS HAS COME ALMOST TO COMPLETION...



ALL IS READY, DOCTOR! EVERYTHING CHECKED AND RECHECKED! OUR EXPERIMENTAL CRAFT IS PREPARED FOR THE FLIGHT TO THE MOON!

AND THE BRAVE FLYING EXPERTS WHO WILL OPERATE THE SHIP HAVE REPORTED FOR DUTY!

DOCTOR, YOU HAVE BEEN SO ABSORBED IN YOUR RESEARCHES THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE HEARD OF BLACKHAWK, WHO WILL COMMAND THE EXPEDITION!

YOU DO US BOTH INJUSTICE! NOT EVEN MY DREAMS AND LABORS HAVE DRAFTED ME TO THE WORLD'S APPLAUSE OF THIS GREAT HERO!





INTO THE AIRLESS, STAR-JEWELLED VOID SPEEDS THE ROCKET CRAFT WITH ITS CREW OF DAUNTLESS ADVENTURERS...



FULL BLAST WITH THE ROCKET ENGINES! WHAT'S OUR SPEED, CHUCK?

3,800 MILES AN HOUR... 10 MILES A SECOND! WE SHOULD REACH THE MOON IN LESS THAN SEVEN HOURS!

STRANGE EXPERIENCES ASSAIL THE BLACKHARKS...

WONDER SURPRISE! I FLOAT LIKE BALLOON! FLAPPY JACKS WON'T FLIP! COFFEE LEAK OUT IN AIR!

HERE EEN OPEN SPACE, WE HAVE NOT ZE GRAVITY OF OUR GOOD MOTHER EARTH, CHOP CHOP! ZE HEAVIEST MAN WEIGHS BUT NOZZING! AND ALL MEALS ARE ZE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, OUT!



THE HOURS PASS, UNTIL...



NOW WE SET GRAVITY PULL AGAIN! WE'RE APPROACHING THE ZONE OF THE MOON'S ATTRACTION!

ROOMY OLAF, STAND BY TO FIRE ROCKET BRAKES AT MY ORDER! WE WANT TO CUSHION OUR LANDING BY BLASTS AGAINST THE MOON'S FACE!

AHOY, ENGINE!

THE BLACKHARKS APPROACH THEIR DESTINATION...



ONCE AROUND THE WHOLE WORLD TO CUT OUR SPEED! OLD LUNA LOOKS SILENT, MOTIONLESS, FROZEN!

OF COURSE, STANISLAUS! NO AIR, NO WATER, NO LIFE! BUT THE MOON'S HISTORY WILL CHANGE THIS VERY DAY!



THERE'S CRATER Z-X! LET ME HAVE THOSE BRAKE BLASTS! I'M GOING TO SET HER DOWN!



SUCCESS! WE'VE LANDED SAFELY!

AND NOW A SUPREME MOMENT OF HISTORY APPROACHES...



SET INTO YOUR AIRTIGHT ARMOR, EVERYONE! WE'RE GOING OUT!

BLACKHARK! TO YOU ZE HONOR OF FIRST SETTING FOOT ON ZE SURFACE OF ZE MOON! WE FOLLOW YOU AS SO OFTEN IN ZE PAST!

TURN ON YOUR INDIVIDUAL RADIOS! WE CAN COMMUNICATE THAT WAY!

IN THE NAME OF THE ALLIED DEMOCRACIES, I TAKE POSSESSION OF THIS WORLD AND ALL IT CONTAINS!



ANDRE, TAKE CHARGE HERE! START SETTING UP WORK FOR AN AIR-TIGHT SHELTER AND MACHINERY TO MANUFACTURE OXYGEN FOR US TO BREATHE!

OUR BLACKHAWK! BUT WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



I'LL CLIMB UP THE RIM OF MOUNTAINS AROUND CRATER NO. 1, AND OBSERVE THE SURFACE OF THE MOON! COME WITH ME, CHUCK!

ROVER!



AWESOME EXPERIENCES AWAIT THE EXPLORERS...

LOOK AT THAT SHADOW, BLACKHAWK! AS BLACK AS A PILL OF TAR!

BECAUSE THE MOON HAS NO AIR TO DIFFUSE LIGHT INTO A SHADOW!



WHAT A CLIMB! YET WE MAKE IT EASY! BECAUSE WE'RE SO LIGHT!

YES! THE GRAVITY OF THE MOON HAS ONLY ONE-SIXTH THE PULL OF THE GRAVITY ON EARTH!



WE'RE NEARLY AT THE TOP! YOU KNOW, BLACKHAWK, IN SPITE OF ALL I'VE HEARD OF THERE BEING NO LIFE ON THE MOON, I HALF EXPECT TO SEE SOME STRANGE CREATURE!

I HAVE THE SAME FEELING!



LOOK! MOTHER EARTH! SHE'S LIKE A BIG MOON IN THE SKY!

IT'S STRANGE TO SEE OUR NATIVE AMERICA! STRANGE... AND INSPIRING!





UNDER THE MOON'S SURFACE, THE STRANGERS MARCH THEIR CAPTIVES TO AN AIRTIGHT DOORWAY...



WHO'S OUTSIDE?

WE RETURN... BRINGING THE RIVAL SPACE-ADVENTURERS WE SCOUTED FOR!



YOU CAN TAKE OFF YOUR HELMETS! WE HAVE AIR TO BREATHE INSIDE HERE!

I'LL ADMIT CHUCK AND I WERE CAPTURED EASILY! I NEVER EXPECTED TO FALL SO SUDDENLY INTO THE HANDS OF ANY LIVING MAN!

IT WASN'T A MAN WHO CAPTURED YOU, SIR! SHE'D THE REST OF THAT DUMBER-SOME SPACE-ARMOR AND I'LL TAKE YOU TO OUR COMMANDER!

I'VE SEEN THE PICTURE OF THIS LADY IN THE SAME REPORT WITH THOSE SHIP PLANS! HER NAME'S TELSA AND SHE'S AN ENEMY SPY!



THESE PRISONERS FELL INTO OUR HANDS, ZORAK!



AND IMPORTANT PRISONERS THEY ARE! TELSA, YOU SURELY MUST RECOGNIZE THE FAM-FAMED BLACK-HAWK?



BLACKHAWK, THE MIGHTY, THE BRILLIANT! IS IT HIM, DEED HE?



I KNEW HIM AT ONCE! OF COURSE I, ZORAK, HAPPEN TO HAVE SCORED AHEAD OF HIM FOR ONCE!



YOU MEAN YOUR GOVERNMENT PERFECTED ITS SPACE CRAFT FIRST?

YES! WE NEED NOT GO THROUGH THE TROUBLESOME FORMALITIES OF A DEMOCRACY TO GET FUNDS AND MATERIALS



BUT OUR SECRET SERVICE REPORTED THAT YOUR EXPEDITION WAS A FAILURE... YOUR CREW AND CRAFT SIGNALLED BACK NO NEWS OF LANDING SAFELY!

THAT'S WHAT MY GOVERNMENT THINKS! WE'RE DOWN ON THE RECORDS AS LOST HEROES WHO DIED TRYING TO REACH THE MOON!



WE FOUND WEALTH HERE, SOMETHING THAT WOULD MEAN THE HIGHEST POWER ON EARTH! AND WE'LL KEEP IT OURSELVES, NOT TURN IT OVER TO OUR GOVERNMENT!



IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE A TRAITOR TO YOUR CHIEF! JUST WHAT I MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED OF ZORAK!

MODERATE YOUR INSULTS, PRISONER!



SILENCE, YOU!

LOOK OUT, BLACKHAWK! TELSA'S GOING TO SHOOT YOU!



GIVE ME THE GUN, OH!

GUARDS! GUARDS!



HE TRIED TO FIGHT FREE! QUICK! SHOOT HIM DOWN!

NO, HOLD YOUR FIRE! BLACKHAWK IS TOO VALUABLE A PRISONER FOR SUCH WASTEFUL VIOLENCE!



I HAVE HOPES THAT WE CAN ADD SO BRAVE AND WISE A MAN TO OUR OWN COMPANY!

YOU SHOULD KNOW ME BETTER THAN THAT, ZORAK!



YOU NEVER KNEW PERSUASIONS SUCH AS THESE, BLACKHAWK! LOOK WELL!

DIAMONDS, EH? BIGGER AND FINER THAN ANY I EVER SAW!



AND THERE ARE MANY MORE ON THE MOON! THE ANCIENT VOLCANOES ARE FULL OF THEM... ENOUGH TO MAKE US ALL FABULOUSLY WEALTHY!

YOU'LL BECOME EMPERORS WHEN YOU RETURN TO EARTH, EH? BUT WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO BUY FROM ME?





THE TWO REACH THE OUTER RIDGE OF CRATER 2-3.



ZORAK, I AM STILL ADMIRING YOUR CLEVER MAKEUP AS BLACKHAWK!

THANK YOU! AND YOU WOULD PASS FOR CHUCK, SAY WHERE? YOU'VE DISGUISED EVERYTHING BUT YOUR WOMAN'S VOICE!



THEY'RE KEEP SILENT AND LET ME GIVE THEM ALL REPORTS AND ORDERS!

OF COURSE! HERE WE ARE AT THE TOP!



THERE IS THEIR CAMP BELOW US!

THEY'VE SIGHTED US! THEY SIGNAL FOR US TO JOIN THEM!



WELCOME HOME, BLACKHAWK! WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN FROM UP ABOVE?

GREAT WORDS!



IT'S TOO LONG A STORY TO TELL HERE! COME, ALL OF YOU, AND SEE WHAT I'VE FOUND TO SURPRISE YOU!

ZORAK EVEN SOUNDS LIKE BLACKHAWK THROUGH THAT PORTABLE RADIO! HE'S TAKING THEM IN COMPLETELY!



LEAD THE WAY, CHUCK! THE REST OF YOU KEEP CLOSE TO ME!

WE BETTER COME BACK TO OUR BASE QUICKER HURRY! ALMOST TIME FOR DOOVES SUPPER!



WHAT HAS DAS MOUSE DONE, BLACKHAWK? DAS MOON SET A CELLAR, HUH?

CHUCK'S LEADING THE WAY DOWN, OLAF! FOLLOW HIM!





SO VERY SIMILAR
IN APPEARANCE
AND WEIGHT... CLOSE
ENOUGH TO FOOL A
MAN WHO DOES NOT
KNOW DIAMONDS!

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?
AREN'T
THEY REAL?

NO, NEW HERR!
THESE STONES
ARE VALUABLE
PERHAPS FOR
DRILLING AND
MACHINE WORK
... BUT NOT TRUE
DIAMONDS!

DORAK, YOUR
DREAMS OF AN
EMPIRE OF
WEALTH WERE
FALSE!

WHAT'S OUR FATE,
BLACKHAWK? IN
OUR OWN LAND
WE'LL BE CALLED
TRAITORS! IF YOU
TAKE US TO YOUR
CHIEFS, WE'LL BE
CALLED SABOTEURS!

SUPPOSE YOU
STOP CAUSING
TROUBLE AND HELP
US BUILD OUR OWN
BASE FOR THE
CONQUEST OF A
LARGER SHIP, WITH
PERMANENT
COLONISTS!



WE AGREE TO THAT IF WE
WORK WELL AND FAITHFULLY,
PERHAPS YOU'LL SAY A WORD
FOR US AT OUR TRIAL BACK
ON EARTH!

I WISH ALL FIGHTS
COULD BE SETTLED
ON A REASONABLE
BASIS LIKE THAT!



AS TIME PASSES,
THE BASE IS BUILT,
AND...



ANOTHER BLACKHAWK SERVICE IS
COMPLETED!

OUR ORGANIZATION
TAKES OVER HERE!
YOURS RETURNS TO
EARTH, WHERE YOU
ARE NEEDED ON
OTHER ASSIGNMENTS!

IT WAS A PRIVILEGE
AND AN HONOR TO
HELP THIS PROJECT.
SUCCEED! GOODBYE!



THROUGH WIDE AND AIRLESS SPACE
WE DARE FOES FACE TO FACE...
WE'RE BLACKHAWKS!!



TORCHY

COME ON, TORCHY!
LOOK AT THE PRETTY
BIRDIE AND SMILE!



HOLD IT,
TORCHY!

BUT ED, THAT'S JUST WASTING
FILM! IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE A
STREET PHOTOGRAPHER,
YOU HAVE TO TAKE
PICTURES OF PEOPLE
WHO'LL PAY FOR
THEM!



A LOT OF MEN
WOULD PAY
PLENTY FOR
A PICTURE
OF YOU!

LOOK! HERE
COMES A MAN WHO
LOOKS LIKE HE
MIGHT WANT A
PICTURE OF
HIMSELF!









WHAT'S THE LINE FOR? ARE THEY GIVING AWAY SOMETHING FOR NOTHING?

NO, BUT FOR A DOLLAR YOU CAN HAVE THE BEST PICTURE YOU EVER TOOK!



ED, STOP THEM! THEY DESERVE TO BE DEAD!

THAT'S ALL, I'LL JUST COME BACK TOMORROW. I HAVE TO DEVELOP THREE PICTURES AND THEY'LL BE READY IN AN HOUR!



WHEN I HOPE MY INSURANCE IS PAID UP!

THERE SHE IS! LOOK AT HER STAGGER! NOW I KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN BY DIZZY BLONDES!



I'M NOT GETTING PAID!

TO FOLLOW HER?

MERCENARY!

I'D FOLLOW HER WITHOUT BEING PAID!



ELLEN WHERE...

OH, LORELEY, YOU POOR DARLING! I CAN'T BELIEVE ESSBET WOULD GO OUT WITH AN OTHER WOMAN!

AND AFTER I'VE GIVEN HIM THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE! BUT HERE IS THE PICTURE! I DOBE!



I KNOW SOME WOULD NEVER DO THAT TO ME!

LORELEY IS LOSING HER LOOKS! PHEP PHEP! WOULD NEVER DESERT ME!

I'D NEVER BE SUSPICIOUS OF HORACE GOING OUT WITH ANOTHER WOMAN!



AT HORACE'S...

NOW I KNOW IT'S JUST FOOLISHNESS, BUT TO PROVE IT TO MYSELF I'LL LOOK! THERE IS NO PICTURE IN HORACE'S DESK, NONE IN HIS WALLET AND NOTHING UNDER THIS BLUETTER... HORACE AND THAT BLONDE!



AND IN BORIS' HOME...

NOW IF BORIS HAD A PICTURE OF HIMSELF WITH A BLONDE... WHERE WOULD HE HIDE IT? PROBABLY UNDER THIS SCRAP BOOK... *THERE IS A PICTURE!*



IMMEDIATELY AFTER...

BUT THIS DETECTIVE AGENCY I HAVE A PICTURE OF MY HUSBAND WITH SOME GUESSES AND I WANT HER SHADOWED!

FOLLOW THAT BLONDE FOR ME AND REPORT IF SHE SEES MY HUSBAND. PLEASE! I HAVE A PICTURE OF THEM TOGETHER!

GET A PICTURE OF MY HUSBAND AND HIS BLONDE I HAVE ONE AND WANT ANOTHER FOR MORE EVIDENCE!



LET'S COLLECT THOSE PICTURES AND SEE WHO THE NEW BLONDE IS!

MAYBE SHE'S THE SAME ONE! WHO WHO!

AND SOON THEY WERE ON THE TRAIL OF THE "BLONDE"...

THE PICTURES ALL CHECK! THE SAME GIRL WITH ALL THOSE MEN! LOOK! THERE SHE IS NOW! BUT WITH A GIRL THIS TIME! KEEP YOUR EYE ON HER! FOUR WOMEN ARE PAYING US TO GET PICTURES OF HER WITH THEIR HUSBANDS!

TESS, I'VE GOT A FUNNY FEELING THAT WE ARE BEING FOLLOWED!

THAT SHOULDN'T BE A NEW FEELING FOR YOU! BUT I THINK TWO MEN ARE FOLLOWING US! LET'S DUCK INTO LACE'S AND SPLIT UP!

THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FOLLOW US IN THIS WOMEN'S STORE!



GIRDLE DEPT.

THE BLONDE WENT THIS WAY! FOLLOW ME!

EEK!

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU GENTLEMEN WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN A GIRDLE?

A TALL BLONDE!

COME ON BEFORE WE GET PINCHED AND SENT UP FOR A STRETCH!





HURRY! SHE WENT AROUND THE CORNER!

MY MONEY!



WOMEN'S STOCKINGS! SUPPOSING MY WIFE SAW ME HERE!

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A LEG TO STAND ON!



HEY, MISS! WAIT A MINUTE! WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU!



AND AS THE WIVES MET—

AND THERE WAS BOMBS, BIG AS LIFE NEXT TO THAT BLONDE!

GIRLS' BOMB-SHOE DETECTIVES JUST CALLED! THEY ARE BRINGING AN IMPORTANT PICTURE WITH THEM!



A PICTURE! WONDERFUL! PROBABLY OF HORACE WITH THAT CREATURE! THAT'S ALL THE EVIDENCE I'LL NEED FOR MY DIVORCE!

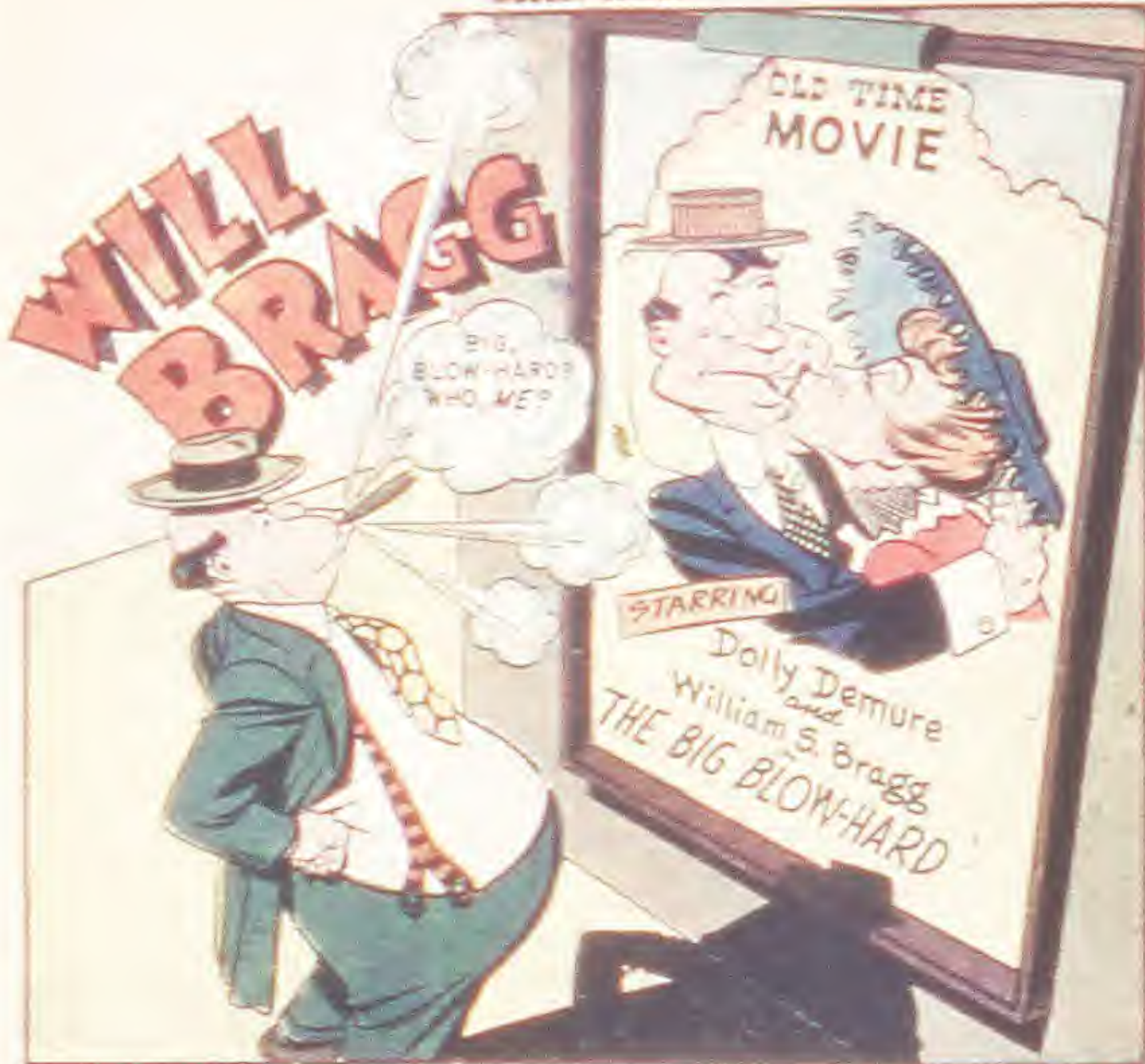
I'M SURE IT'S OF MIERMONT! WAIT TILL MY LAWYER SEES IT!



HERE WE ARE! AND WHAT A PICTURE WE GOT! TERRIFIC!

LET'S SEE IT!





IN MRS. MANOUAHAN'S BOARDING HOUSE....

I ADORE THE OLD-TIME MOVIES ON TELEVISION! THEY'RE SO ROMANTIC'S SIGH!

YES, EFFY! HOW WELL I REMEMBER THOSE DAYS WHEN WE FILMED THE SILENT FLICKERS!



WILL BRAGG WERE YOU IN MOVING PICTURES?

MOVING PICTURES, MY EYEBROW! YOU'RE MOVING NOW... RIGHT OUT OF MY LIVING ROOM, YOU LAZY LOU!



YOU KNOW VERY WELL
THAT HE NOT ALLOWED
IN HERE WITHOUT
PAYING EXTRA RENT!

HOLD IT, MRS.
MANHOLAHAN!
SOMEBODY'S AT
THE DOOR!



HELLO, EVERYBODY!
WHAT'S NEW?

OH, MR. SWENSON, WILL
JUST TOLD ME THAT HE
WAS A STAR OF SILENT
PICTURES! TEE-HEE!
ISN'T IT EXCITING?
= JIGME



BRAGG IN THE
MOVIES? HA-HA!
THAT'S THE
FUNNIEST THING
I'VE HEARD
YET!

SCOFF IF YOU
WUST, SWENSON,
BUT IT'S TRUE!
I OUT QUITE
A FIGURE IN
THE FILMS!

ONLY PART I EVER
PLAYED WAS IN A MOB
SCENE BUT THEY
NEEDN'T KNOW THAT!
I'LL MAKE IT SOUND
GOOD!

HO-HO-HO!
THIS IS RICH!
WHY HAVEN'T
YOU THOUGHT
OF THAT ONE
BEFORE?

I'M SURPRISED YOU
DON'T REMEMBER
WILLIAM S. BRAGG OF
THE SILENT SCREEN!
I WAS SHARRIMPHE
A MATINEE IDOL!



ROMANTIC STUFF, EH?
THEN I SUPPOSE YOU
PLAYED OPPOSITE SUCH
MOVIE QUEENS AS
DOLLY
DE MURE?

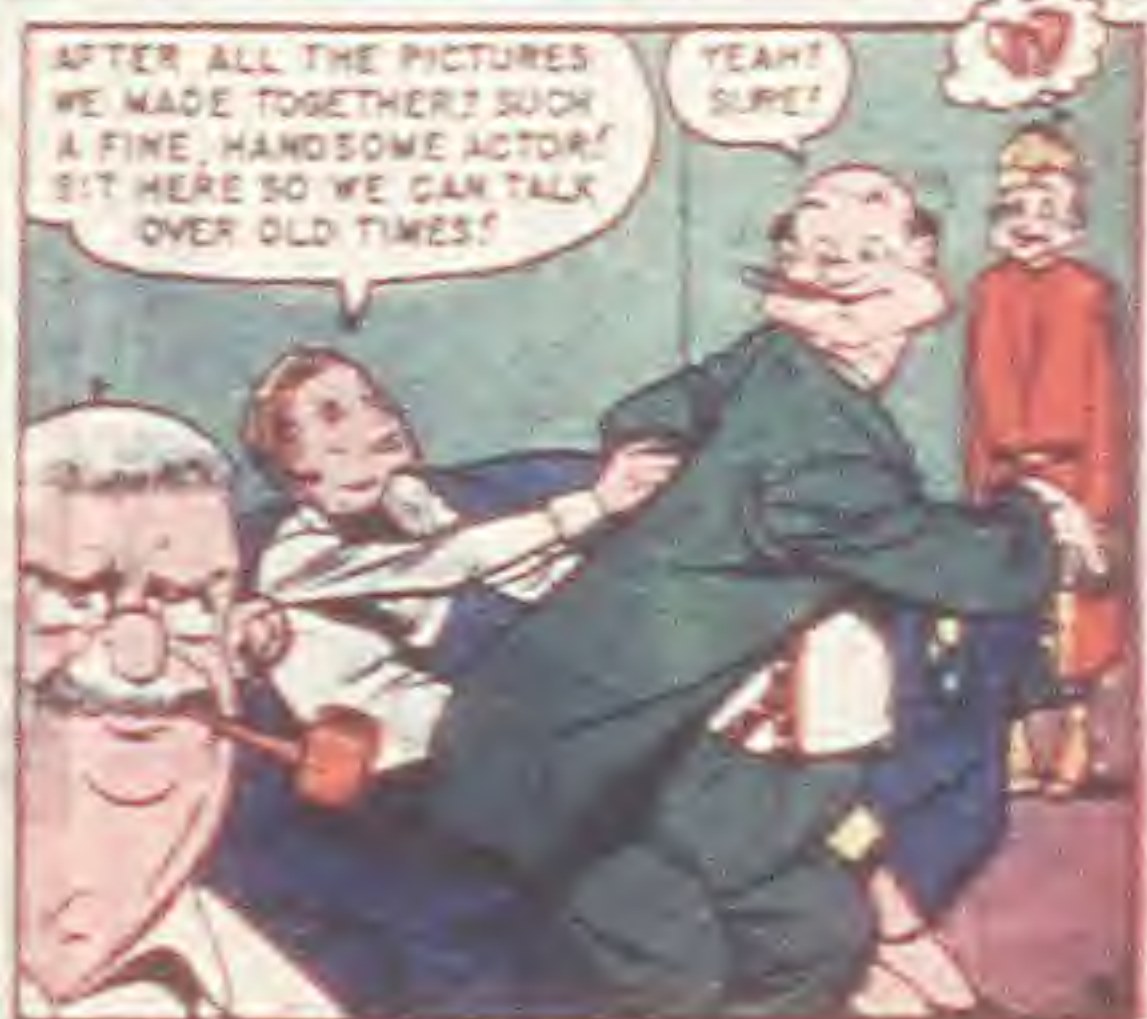
OFTEN! DOLLY
WAS A BEAUTY—
ER... SORT OF
WENT FOR ME! I
WONDER WHERE
SHE IS NOW?

I CAN TELL YOU, BRAGG
OLD BOY! SHE'S AT MY
HOUSE! SHE AND MY WIFE
WERE SCHOOLMATES AND
SHE'S HERE FOR
A VISIT!

YOUR HOUSE?
YOU MEAN...
= EDLPE









No Clue Of Danger

LOUIS, the cafe proprietor—formerly King of Louis of Navarre—spoke grimly to Blackhawk in the little office back of the manager's desk.

"It is he, I am sure," said Louis. "My friend Blackhawk, I could not mistake Prince Trevino, even though he has grown a beard and dyed his hair. Trevino refuses to believe that I have permanently left my throne and wish only to live as a simple, hard-working citizen here in America. He has come to assassinate me."

Blackhawk peered through the crack in the door. Sure enough, the black-bearded customer who Louis identified as the disguised Trevino had seated himself at a table and was giving an order to a quiet-seeming head waiter—who in reality was Andre, in tail coat and wing collar.

"The trouble," groaned Louis, "is that we cannot accuse him outright, until he actually makes his effort to murder me. And he may succeed before you can move to seize him."

"No," said Blackhawk. "my friends are stationed at tables throughout the room, as you arranged. Now I'll go and tell Andre to seat me with Trevino. I'll find out."

"He will not confide in you," said Louis.

"And I won't ask him to. I'll just watch him."

Blackhawk left the office and nodded to Andre, who brought him to a seat opposite Trevino. The black-bearded prince had ordered a sumptuous repast. Blackhawk watched him finish a plate of savory vichyssoise, then turn to a sizzling casserole of poulet Reineau. Trevino did not so much as glance at Blackhawk nor did Blackhawk address him. Blackhawk pretended to dawdle over a cup of cold consommé, and watched without seeming to watch.

After eating a delicious salad with relish, Trevino ordered a cherry tart with French coffee. These, too, he finished completely, seeming to enjoy them to the hilt. At last he finished, and laid some bills on the table. He lighted a cigarette. Picking up a napkin, he carefully wiped the handles of his knife, fork and spoon, and polished the handle of the coffee cup. He tossed the wadded napkin aside, and rose. He moved toward the cashier's desk.

At once Blackhawk was beside him. "You're under arrest for planning murder," said Blackhawk quietly.

Trevino turned a scowling face upon Blackhawk. "You are insane to suggest such a thing."

"I was never safer in my life. Come!" He took Trevino by the elbow in a grip of steel. Trevino struggled momentarily, then subsided. The other Blackhawks—Olaf, Hendrickson, Stanislaus, Chuck, Andre, Chop Chop—had appeared from all quarters. They rose from tables, entered from kitchen and lounge, making a knot of resolute men around Trevino.

"The proprietor shall hear of this," blurted Trevino. "I shall demand his protection from your violence, you hoodlums!"

"Good," said Blackhawk. "Enter his office. It is here."

Inside the office, the Blackhawks held Trevino helpless and searched him. He was carrying two revolvers and an ugly dagger.

"Those don't prove I meant to murder anyone," Trevino snarled. "I carry them for my own protection, against just such bullies as you. Summon the American police!"

"Chuck is already telephoning for them," said Blackhawk. "I have evidence that you planned to murder my friend Louis."

"How did you get so evidence?" asked Andre. "I, too, watched the fellow. He only ate dinner, carefully wiped his silverware and his coffee cup—"

"I saw the same thing," said Blackhawk. "So did all of you. But couldn't you tell that he was going to walk straight from the table to attack Louis?"

One after another of the Blackhawks shook a mystified head—all but Chop Chop. The little Chinese suddenly grinned.

"Me know! Me tell!" he cried.

"What, Chop Chop?" asked Stanislaus.

"He wipe silver, wipe cup, till take away fingerprints. No waiter close for police to track him when he kill and run!"

Trevino growled a bitter oath, but Blackhawk smiled.

"Don't I always say that Chop Chop's the smartest of us all?" he said.

"Smartest of all," agreed Chop Chop proudly, "exceptee Blackhawk."

EZRA



SERVE THOSE PEOPLE IN THE BOOTHS, EZRA, AND THERE'LL BE A DOUBLE-OP SODA ON THE HOUSE FOR YOU...IF YOU DON'T BRING DOWN THE HOUSE WHILE I ANSWER THE PHONE!

DHUM, MY STOMACH IS JUMPING WITH JOY!

RING!
RING!

I'LL BE EXTRA NICE TO THIS BOY! HE MAY BE A GOOD TIPPER!

HUH?

HEY, EZRA!





I'M SO SORRY! MY FATHER'S MANAGER OF THE CLUB AND... OH, MY! THAT FACE!

IT'S NOT THAT BAD, HONEY!



I MEAN I'D KNOW HIS FACE ANYWHERE, THOUGH I'VE ONLY SEEN PICTURES OF SCHMOBERT, THE GREAT FRENCH TENNIS PLAYER! BUT HE WROTE THAT HE COULDN'T COME TO OUR PARTY!

I FIGURED WE'D HAVE TO USE OUR HEADS TO CRASH THIS PARTY, BUT PAUL EDRA WENT TO EXTREMES!



COME, COME, SCHMOBERT! THAT ISN'T DON'T TRY TO TALK AND WE'LL DO FINE!

HUNT!



HAVING YOU AS OUR GUEST ON YOUR VERY FIRST TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES IS QUITE AN HONOR! BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE LET US KNOW YOU'D CHANGED YOUR MIND ABOUT COMING!

MY NAME OW!



IT HURTS HIM WHEN HE TRIES TO TALK! BUT HE'LL FEEL BETTER WHEN HE'S HAD SOMETHING TO EAT AND DRINK!

GLUG!



GADDY! MR. SCHMOBERT DIDN'T DISAPPOINT US, AFTER ALL! NOW WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR AN EXHIBITION MATCH!

START ACTING LIKE A FRENCHMAN, CHUM! OUR EATS AND DRINKS ARE AT STAKE!



AH, MON AMI! I GIVE YOU ZE KISS AVEC ZE CHEEK!

NOW! THAT CONK ON THE HEAD REALLY UNBALANCED THE LAD!

SWACK!







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